

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-7, 9-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Perry et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,931,369) (hereinafter "Perry") in view of Lin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,980,211) (hereinafter "Lin"). Claim 22 is amended. The Office Action states that "The applied reference has common inventors/assignee with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art only under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) might be overcome by: (1) a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not an invention "by another"; (2) a showing of a date of invention for the claimed subject matter of the application which corresponds to subject matter disclosed but not claimed in the reference, prior to the effective U.S. filing date of the reference under 37 CFR 1.131; or (3) an oath or declaration under 37 CFR 1.130 stating that the application and reference are currently owned by the same party and that the inventor named in the application is the prior inventor under 35 U.S.C. 104, together with a terminal disclaimer in accordance with 37 CFR 1.321(c)." The application and the 369 reference were, at the time the invention was made, owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to, the same organization, as evidenced by the supporting documentation. A terminal disclaimer in accordance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) is included with this amendment.

Conclusion


In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is

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respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicant at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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